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Nothing plain about these artists



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The Carmel Art Festival got under way Thursday, when a bevy of plein aire painters began working on the canvases they'll enter into the festival's competition. At left, Patris paints at Carmel Beach, while Pan Yen Chou renders fields and farm-worker cabins (above). See page 13A.

Bulldogs poisoned on beach outing

■ One dies, another gravely ill

By CHRIS COUNTS

A STROLL along Asilomar Beach by a Carmel Valley couple turned tragic Tuesday afternoon when Lulu — one of their two French bulldogs — died shortly after ingesting something in the sand. Their other dog, Hula, also fell gravely ill but survived.

Brenton Sanders decided to share his story so others are aware of the risks that could exist for dogs on Asilomar Beach — or on any other stretch of local sand.

"I don't want anybody else to go through what we had to deal with," said Sanders, whose wife, Sarah, owns and operates the Om Oasis yoga studio in Monterey. "If this brings any awareness, that's enough."

Sanders described Lulu as a dog "who would put anything in her mouth."

"She was playing on the beach and had a mouthful of sand," he recalled. "Two hours later, she was dead."

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Man arrested for running over CHS student

■ DUI alleged; victim is son of River School principal

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PACIFIC GROVE resident Timothy Petrick, 25, was jailed for felony drunken driving early last Sunday morning after allegedly driving over Carmel High School student Ryan Marden with his pickup truck while trying to get up a hill. The teen, who is the son of Carmel River School principal Jay Marden, and a friend had been sleeping under the stars at a Corral de Tierra property when the accident occurred, according to California Highway Patrol public information officer Bob Lehman.

"He was literally run over across his chest by a truck," Jay Marden confirmed Wednesday. "There are discrepancies in the stories about whether it was one tire or two, but it ended up with his being airlifted to a trauma center in Santa Clara, and the young man who ran him over was arrested for drunk driving." The friend sleeping next to Ryan was unharmed.

The incident occurred shortly after 2:30 a.m. May 2, when Petrick decided to see if he could drive his 2007 Toyota Tundra up a hill on the property, according to Lehman.

"He had some passengers with him and ran over this kid, who was in his sleeping bag," he said. "He was unaware he had run over the victim until the passengers in his vehicle started yelling at him."

Lehman did not know what connection Petrick and his friends had with the camping boys or with the owners of the property, which is located on Corral de Tierra Road several miles from Highway 68 in Salinas. A CHP officer arrested Petrick for felony drunken driving causing injury and lodged him at Monterey County Jail.

A rescue helicopter took Ryan to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, where Lehman said the teen was treated for a broken collar bone and pain to his neck and shoulder.



Timothy Petrick

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Police crack down on rule-breaking dog owners

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MAY market itself as being dog friendly — "but that doesn't mean no rules," animal control officer Cindi Mitchell said Monday, as the Carmel Police Department embarked on a renewed effort to convince residents and visitors to keep their canines out of trouble. An increasing number of complaints involving out-of-control dogs prompted the decision to crack down — albeit gently, at first — on people violating the rules.

"From a public safety view, we are trying to reach out and educate the public, so we don't have to take other drastic means," said Cmdr. Mike Calhoun.

Last year, police fielded 37 reports of aggressive dog attacks, 15 of which occurred at the beach, according to Calhoun. The department has received five complaints since Jan. 1, and people have reported being bitten, knocked down or otherwise injured by people's unleashed dogs. Reports of fights between pets are also common.

"We feel they are occurring more frequently," Calhoun said, particularly because some owners are in denial about their dogs' behavior or are not paying attention to what their animals are doing.

The Carmel Municipal Code requires dogs to be on leashes in the business district and along Scenic Road, and they are prohibited in Devendorf Park. Dogs can be off leash on Carmel Beach, in Mission Trail Park and in

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County to U.S. Open renters: You owe TOT

By KELLY NIX

GOLF FANS aren't the only ones perusing websites and classified ads trying to find a house for rent during the June U.S. Open in Pebble Beach. The tax-

man is also looking.

County auditors — in an effort to collect a 10.5 percent hotel tax from homeowners who rent their houses during the U.S. Open — are scouring dozens of websites, newspapers and magazines searching for short-term rental listings in Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley, Big Sur and other areas.

"We have to follow through, or we are not doing our job," Monterey County Treasurer-Tax Collector Louis Solton told The Pine Cone about the tax effort.

As a result of its sleuthing, the county has so far identified and contacted about 100 homeowners in unincorporated areas who have advertised their homes for rent.

"We sent out a form letter," Solton said. "It requires that they register with us and remit the appropriate fees."

The ordinance requires homeowners with short-term rentals — those from seven to 30

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Carmel Valley's frontier days



PHOTO/CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In this 1886 photo, William Hatton (far right) poses with a group of hunters at Los Laureles Ranch. Hatton managed the Del Monte Dairy, which was located on the ranch. The photograph is part of a new book about Carmel Valley. See page 15A.

Stan Hall, publisher, 75

■ Widow recalls Sun's ups and downs

By CHRIS COUNTS

STAN HALL, who published a journalistically admired but financially unsuccessful newspaper, the Carmel Valley Sun, from 1989 until its final edition in 1994, died April 19 after a fall in his Scottsdale, Ariz., home. He was 75.

Hall and his wife, Isabelle, were living in the

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